

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS AND LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) A fixing device according to claim 3, in which preventer means (3) are provided for preventing the tabs (22) from deforming outwards.
3. (Currently Amended) ~~A device according to claim 1, in which the~~ A fixing device for fixing a dispenser member to the neck (41) of a container (4), said device comprising a ring (2) forming an annular abutment web (20) adapted to be located at the top of the neck, and a peripheral skirt (21) serving to surround the neck, the skirt forming tabs (22) defining free ends (220), said fixing device being characterized in that each of the tabs is provided with at least one deformation zone (221, 222, 223), the tabs being deformed inwards when thrust is exerted axially on their free ends, said deformation zone comprising an outside groove (221) and an inside groove (223).
4. (Currently Amended) ~~A device according to claim 1, in which the~~ A fixing device for fixing a dispenser member to the neck (41) of a container (4), said device comprising a ring (2) forming an annular abutment web (20) adapted to be located at the top of the neck, and a peripheral skirt (21) serving to surround the neck, the skirt forming tabs (22) defining free ends (220), said fixing device being characterized in that each of the tabs is provided with at least one deformation zone (221, 222, 223), the tabs being deformed inwards when thrust is exerted axially on their free ends, said deformation zone comprising an inside rib (224) suitable for moving

when thrust is exerted axially on the free end of a tab.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~A device according to claim 4, in which the~~ A fixing device for fixing a dispenser member to the neck (41) of a container (4), said device comprising a ring (2) forming an annular abutment web (20) adapted to be located at the top of the neck, and a peripheral skirt (21) serving to surround the neck, the skirt forming tabs (22) defining free ends (220), said fixing device being characterized in that each of the tabs is provided with at least one deformation zone (221, 222, 223), the tabs being deformed inwards when thrust is exerted axially on their free ends, said rib (224) is being defined by two inside grooves (222, 223).

6. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim ~~4~~ 3, in which the preventer means comprise a trim band (3) engaged around and in contact with the peripheral skirt (21).

7. (Currently Amended) ~~A device according to claim 1, in which the~~ A fixing device for fixing a dispenser member to the neck (41) of a container (4), said device comprising a ring (2) forming an annular abutment web (20) adapted to be located at the top of the neck, and a peripheral skirt (21) serving to surround the neck, the skirt forming tabs (22) defining free ends

(220), said fixing device being characterized in that each of the tabs is provided with at least one deformation zone (221, 222, 223), the tabs being deformed inwards when thrust is exerted axially on their free ends, said tabs (22) are being separated by non-deformable skirt segments (23), the free ends (220) of the tabs (22) projecting relative to the skirt segments (23).

8. (Currently Amended) A fluid dispenser comprising:

a container (4) defining a body forming a reservoir for the fluid, said body forming a shoulder (45) from which a neck (41) extends, said neck being provided with a reinforcing rim (42) that projects radially outwards so as to define a bottom ledge (43) that extends back inwards to meet a thinner portion (44) of the neck that connects to the shoulder (45) of the body;

a dispenser member ~~such as a pump or a valve~~ mounted on the neck of the container; and

a fixing device (2, 3) for fixing a said dispenser member to the neck of the container, said device comprising a ring (2) forming an annular abutment web (20) serving to come into abutment against the top (46) of the neck, ~~with a gasket (5) optionally being interposed~~; and a peripheral skirt (21) serving to surround the neck, the skirt forming tabs (22) defining free ends (220), said fixing device being characterized in that each of the tabs is provided with at least one deformation zone (221, 222, 223) at the bottom ledge, the tabs being deformed inwards under the

ledge by means of their free ends bearing against the shoulder of the body.

9. (Original) A device according to claim 8, in which preventer means (3) are provided to prevent the tabs from deforming outwards.

10. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 8, in which the deformation zone comprises an outside groove (221).

11. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 8, in which the deformation zone comprises an inside groove (223) which is received under the bottom ledge (43).

12. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 8, in which the deformation zone comprises an inside rib (224) which comes into engagement under the ledge (43) by pivoting inwards.

13. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 8, in which the tabs (22) are separated by non-deformable skirt segments (23), the free ends (220) of the tabs (22) projecting

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relative to the skirt segments when the tabs are not deformed, and coming substantially into contact with the shoulder of the body when the tabs are deformed.

14. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 8, in which the preventer means comprise a trim band (3) engaged around and in contact with the peripheral skirt (21).